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Status

1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on <u>18 December 2003</u>.

2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.

3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

4) ☒ Claim(s) <u>1-34</u> is/are pending in the application.

    4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.

5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.

6) ☒ Claim(s) <u>1-34</u> is/are rejected.

7) ☒ Claim(s) <u>6,8-12,18,20-23,29 and 31-34</u> is/are objected to.

8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on <u>18 December 2003</u> is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.

    Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).

    Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).

11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).

    a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:

      1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.

      2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.

      3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

    * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)

2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)

3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
    Paper No(s)/Mail Date <u>08/04/05</u>.

4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
    Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.

5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application

6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Objections

1.   Claims 6, 8-12, 18, 20-23, 29, and 31-34 are objected to because of the following

informalities: Claims 6, 8-12, 18, 20-23, 29, and 31-34 recite the limitation "an other

telephone". Examiner believes that the limitation should recite "another telephone", in

order to make the claims clearer. Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that

form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

2.   Claims 1-34 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Brahm

et al (US 7,103,167).

3.   In regards to claim 1, Brahm discloses a system (See telecommunications

system illustrated in Fig. 1) comprising: a telephone (See Fig. 1 and called party's

telephone terminal 112); and a computing device (See Fig. 1, called party's computer

terminal 110, and client application 116) coupled to the telephone, the computing device

to selectively route telephone call signals to the telephone based on user-specified rules

(e.g., user-definable cal screening processes/subscriber's call handling preferences)
(See col. 8-9 lines 58-5, col. 9 lines 14-18, col. 9 lines 22-34, and col. 13 lines 27-47).

4.   In regards to claims 2, 14, and 25, Brahm discloses a system, method, and

device, wherein the telephone is to receive the telephone call, and to transmit the

telephone call signals to the computing device before the computing device selectively

routes the telephone call signals to the telephone (See col. 8-9 lines 58-5, col. 9 lines

14-18, and col. 9 lines 22-25).

5.   In regards to claims 3, 15, and 26, Brahm discloses a system, method, and

device, wherein the computing device is to receive the telephone call signals from a

computer network (See Fig. 1 and Internet Answering Machine (IAM) system (124) via

Internet 106) (See col. 12-13 lines 57-17 and col. 13 lines 27-47).

6.   In regards to claims 4, 16, and 27, Brahm discloses a system, method, and

device, the computing device to present a user interface for defining the user-specified

rules (See Fig. 3, col. 8 lines 58-63, col. 9 lines 22-41, and col. 12 lines 7-12).

7.   In regards to claims 5, 17, and 28, Brahm discloses a system, method, and

device, the user-specified rules comprising rules associated with telephone call signals

to be received by the telephone (See Fig. 3, col. 8 lines 58-63, and col. 9 lines 22-41).

8.   In regards to claims 6, 18, and 29, Brahm discloses a system, method, and

device, the telephone call signals to be received from another telephone (See col. 9

lines 29-31, col. 9 lines 35-36, and col. 12 lines 7-29).

9.   In regards to claims 7, 19, and 30, Brahm discloses a system, method, and

device, the user-specified rules comprising rules associated with telephone call signals

to be received by the telephone and rules associated with the telephone call signals to

be sent from the other telephone (See col. 9 lines 29-31, col. 9 lines 35-36, and col. 12

lines 7-29).

10.   In regards to claims 8 and 20, Brahm discloses a system (See

telecommunications system illustrated in Fig. 1) and method comprising: a telephone

(See Fig. 1 and called party's telephone terminal 112); and a computing device (See

Fig. 1, called party's computer terminal 110, and client application 116) coupled to the

telephone, the computing device to selectively route telephone call signals from the

telephone to another telephone (e.g., home phone, work phone, alternate/another

phone) based on user-specified rules (See col. 9 lines 29-31, col. 9 lines 35-36, and col.

12 lines 7-29).

11.   In regards to claim 9, Brahm discloses a system, wherein the telephone is to

transmit the telephone call signals to the computing device before the computing device

selectively routes the telephone call signals to the telephone (See col. 8-9 lines 58-5,

col. 9 lines 14-18, and col. 9 lines 22-25).

12.   In regards to claims 10, 21, and 32, Brahm discloses a system, method, and

device, wherein the computing device is to transmit the telephone call signals to a

computer network (See Fig. 1 and Internet Answering Machine (IAM) system (124) via

Internet 106) (See col. 12-13 lines 57-17 and col. 13 lines 27-47).

13.   In regards to claims 11, 22, and 33, Brahm discloses a system, method, and

device, the computing device to present a user interface for defining the user-specified

rules (See Fig. 3, col. 8 lines 58-63, col. 9 lines 22-41, and col. 12 lines 7-12).

14.   In regards to claims 12, 23, and 34, Brahm discloses a system, method, and

device, the user-specified rules comprising rules associated with telephone call signals

to be transmitted by the telephone and rules associated with telephone call signals to be

received by the other telephone (See col. 9 lines 29-31, col. 9 lines 35-36, and col. 12

lines 7-29).

15.   In regards to claim 13, Brahm discloses a method for a computing device, the

method comprising: selectively routing telephone call signals to a telephone based on

user-specified rules (See Fig. 3, col. 8 lines 58-63, col. 9 lines 22-41, and col. 12 lines

7-12).

16.   In regards to claim 24, Brahm discloses a computing device (See Fig. 1, called

party's computer terminal 110, and client application 116) comprising: a processor; and

a storage device coupled to the processor and storing instructions adapted to be

executed by the processor (See col. 3-4 lines 55-13) to: selectively route telephone call

signals to a telephone based on user-specified rules (See Fig. 3, col. 8 lines 58-63, col.

9 lines 22-41, and col. 12 lines 7-12).

17.   In regards to claim 31, Brahm discloses a computing device (See Fig. 1, called

party's computer terminal 110, and client application 116) comprising a processor; and

a storage device coupled to the processor and storing instructions adapted to be

executed by the processor to: selectively route telephone call signals from a telephone

to another telephone (e.g., home phone, work phone, alternate/another phone) based

on user-specified rules (See col. 9 lines 29-31, col. 9 lines 35-36, and col. 12 lines 7-

29).

Conclusion

18.   The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to

applicant's disclosure.   Dolan et al (US 6,898,275) teach a method and apparatus for

providing expanded telecommunications service. Spencer et al (US 7,003,087) teach

an intelligent call screening system. Trandal et al (US Patent Application, Pub. No.:

2004/0114747 A1) teach.systems and methods for call processing.

19.   Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the

examiner should be directed to Thjuan K. Addy whose telephone number is (571) 272-

7486. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Fri 8:30-5:00pm.

20.   If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's

supervisor, Ahmad Matar can be reached on (571) 272-7488. The fax phone number

for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

21.   Information regarding the status of an application may be obtained from the

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